GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4821
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SCHEME FOR LEFTIST EXTREMIST AFFECTED AREAS
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any development schemes for the areas affected by leftist extremist in Orissa is pending with the Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Union Government propose to take initiative to prepare any action plan to develop those border districts of Orissa;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the amount proposed to be sanctioned for the purpose; and

(f) the kind of cooperation likely to be extended by the State in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMNET, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINSTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS & PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): No, Sir. The Action Plans prepared by the State Governments including Government of Orissa, encompassing development and security aspects of the problems being faced in the affected areas have been examined. It has been decided that agreement should be sought on basic components of a development strategy that could be supported rather than increased funding. Hence the States should earmark funds under existing programmes to ensure that flow to the affected districts is adequate and not diverted. The Planning Commission would support any such re- prioritisation on account of incorporation of an anti-extremist development strategy in the State Plans.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Planning and Development of an area and allocation of funds for the purpose are primarily the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. However, Planning Commission coordinates and monitors the Long Term Action Plan for KBK districts of Orissa which includes some of the areas affected by leftwing extremism.

(f): Since the development strategy for these areas is to be prepared by the State Government, full cooperation is likely to be extended.